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In re Application of:)
Joseph F. Cihula et al.)
Serial No.: 10/037,239)
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For: Method and System for Automatic)
Association of a Signed Certificate)
With a Certificate Signing Request)
Examiner: Shahid Al Alam)
Group Art Unit: 2172)
Docket No.: P13066)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination
(RCE) filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following amendments and remarks are proposed in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2005.

Claims 1-63 are currently pending in the application, and claims 1-11, 14-46, and 49-63 stand rejected. Claims 12, 13, 47, and 48 stand objected to. Applicants propose herein to amend claims 1, 8, 19, 29, 36, 43, and 54.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth herein and the accompanying remarks.